the current financial year (1994-95) as on 30.6.94 the over all production of raw coal is 51.28 million tonnes (provisional).

(b) The target of over all raw coal production; open cast production and washed coal production etc. for the year 1994-95 are as under:

(million tonnes)

Raw Coal	Open Cast Production	Washed Coal
253.60	*176.87	12.62

*excluding captive mines.

(c) Coal production from existing mines and on-going projects, (new and re-organised) will contribute towards achieving the target for the current year.

Amendment of industrial disputes Act

*111. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what further steps have been taken to bring an amendment of Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 in consultation with the employees; and

(b) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Labour had constituted a Bipartite Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri G. Ramanujam "to formulate specific proposals for the new Industrial Relation Bill." The report submitted by the Committee contained, inter alia, proposals to amend the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. The proposals of the Committee were further considered by the Standing Labour Committee and the Indian Labour Conference. Based on the recommendations of the Ramanujam Committee and discussions held thereon in various forums, the Government have formulated a proposal for amendments to the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. Broadly, the proposal is designed to ensure bipartism in industrial disputes resolution so as to avoid third party intervention to the maximum extent possible, to remove the restrictive provisions militating against the enhanced investments in the industrial sector, to provide for superior separation benefits to employees in circumstances of rationalisation of manpower and to streamline the Act so as to secure a greater degree of harmony in Industrial Relations conducive to increased production and productivity.

Supply of poor quantity of foodgrains through PDS

*112. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large section of people have been complaining about the supply of poor quality of foodgrains, particularly, wheat, rice and sugar through Public Distribution System (PDS);

(b) if so, what steps Government have so far taken or propose to take to improve the quality of foodgrains supplied through PDS in the country;

(c) whether most of the good quality foodgrains stored in the godowns of Civil Supplies department are exchanged for poor quality foodgrains by certain persons in connivance with the officials concerned;

(d) if so, the details of such complaints which have come to government's notice, State-wise;

(e) what remedial action Government have taken or propose to take in this regard; and

(f) whether Government have made any enquiry as to from which State/